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Note verbale dated 13 June 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to advise that, in accordance with article II of the 1975 Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has established a Czechoslovak national register of objects launched into outer space by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic within the INTERCOSMOS programme. The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences is authorized to furnish the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the information referred to in article IV of the Convention.

In conformity with that article the Permanent Representative has the honour to transmit herewith information concerning a space object launched in co-operation with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 14 November 1978.

Basic registration data on the Czechoslovak autonomous satellite MAGION in conformity with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space

(a) Name of State (States) which launched the object: USSR together with Czechoslovakia*

(b) Designation of the space object and its registration number: MAGION, 1978-99C (registered in COSPAR)

* The Czechoslovak satellite MAGION was launched into orbit by the Soviet spacecraft INTERCOSMOS 18.

(c) Date of launching and territory from which it was launched: 24 October 1978 (14 November 1978) from the territory of the USSR*

(d) Basic orbit parameters:

Nodal period - 96.36 min.

Inclination - 82.96 degrees

Apogee - 772 km

Perigee - 404 km

(e) General function of space object: research of the magnetosphere and the ionosphere of the earth (magnetosphere-ionosphere satellite)

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* The Czechoslovak satellite MAGION forms a part of the scientific programme of INTERCOSMOS 18 launched from USSR territory on 24 October 1978. The Czechoslovak satellite MAGION was separated into an autonomous orbit on 14 November 1978.